United States Marshals Service



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United States Marshal District of Oregon (503) 326-2209

U.S. Marshals arrest violent fugitive in SE Portland.

On 2/18/04, approximately 11:00 AM, fugitive Craig Mitchell MORRIS wanted for federal mail theft and probation violation was arrested at the intersection of SE Alder and SE 2nd Ave. MORRIS, 41 years old, is also being investigated by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service for Bank Fraud involving approximately \$17,000 in proceeds from an alleged bank fraud scheme. MORRIS has a very violent assault history involving men and woman, to include convictions in 1988 for Possession of a firearm, 1997 for Possession of a firearm, Attempted Murder, Robbery, Assault/Battery, and Burglary. MORRIS had also made a written statement that if Deputy Marshals came to arrest him they would need an ambulance. During the course of this fugitive investigation which began January 16th, there have been approximately 5 arrests. Most recently on February 12th, U.S. Marshals and Portland Police attempting to locate MORRIS at 1935 NE 155th Ave. resulted in the arrest of two female associates and the seizure of approximately 53 firearms and one oz. of methamphetamine.

The U.S. Marshals Service is asking anyone who may be a potential fraud victim or contact involving MORRIS, to please call the US Marshals (24) Hrs. telephone number @ (503) 326-2209.